WHEREAS; since 1986, the United States Department of Defense has recognized the sacrifices and applauded the courage displayed by children of military members throughout our country by recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS; military children must deal with the uncertainty of having a parent or parents participate in deployments in places near and far, and regularly experience concern for their parents, both during times of peace and times of war; and

WHEREAS; military children demonstrate strength and courage while dealing with increased responsibilities in their families while their parents serve, and are significant contributors to their families, their communities, our state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin supports the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual well-being of all children of military members, and we understand that their success directly impacts the resilience and readiness of their entire families; and

WHEREAS; supporting the children of military families helps to ensure that our men and women in uniform can focus on their mission of serving our communities, our state, and our country; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented our military members with new and increased challenges, and that military children have had to adapt and respond to these unique demands on their parents; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking military families in every corner of our state for their service, and celebrating military children, in particular, for their strength, courage, resilience, and sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I ha	ve hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
	at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7th day of April 2021
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secre	etary of State